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Like a Square Deal.

In view of the fact that it has been claimed that all the democrats of the state are opposed to Senator Burrows and in favor of the nomination of Congressman Townsend for a seat in the United States senate, the following from the pen of W. B. Weston of the Grand Rapids Chronicle of April 25, will be of interest to the readers of The True Northerner:

"Even those citizens of Michigan who have not always admired the things that Senator Burrows has stood for will give him credit for being candid and honest and having the courage to stand up to the rack and place himself upon record without dodging. Such people will be disposed to feel that the state would be just as well off with Burrows as senator as it would be with Townsend, who has side-stepped, ducked and shifted several times when he was put to the test upon important questions. They will also feel inclined to sympathize with the senator somewhat because of the unfair newspaper campaign that is being waged against him by the former Scripps string of publications, now the Booth syndicate. These papers are united in a campaign of hostility to the senator, and their correspondents and reporters have been directed to camp upon his trail unceasingly. The result is that each act of Senator Burrows' official life is taken up, treated and colored in a way to make it appear to his discredit, and then sent out for the purpose of creating a prejudice among the people against the one who in the past has been one of Michigan's most famous men. The unfair newspaper campaign that is being directed against Senator Burrows can have but one effect, and that will be to cause former opponents to become staunch sympathizers. The average man likes a square deal, even in politics, and it has become clearly apparent that Senator Burrows is not receiving this."

Think It Over.

During the past six years the primary school fund, a large amount of which is idle in school district treasuries because, under the present statutes it cannot be used, has exceeded the total sum levied for state taxes by more than five million dollars.

This lends force to the contention of The True Northerner, that it would be far better for the people if corporation taxes were appropriated to the general fund of the state and thus do away with levying any state taxes.

The surplus over and above state expenses might be placed in the primary fund which would then be larger than it was before railroads, telegraph, telephone and express companies were taxed as they are under the present system, on the same basis as other property.

Wouldn't the taxpayers prefer such a change? There would be no state equalization to quarrel over, no state taxes to pay and

no money being piled up that cannot be put to any legal use, not even can it be placed out at interest. The people could do and would do as they did before the exorbitant increase of the primary fund, vote the money needed for school purposes. This they could well afford and still be money ahead. This matter is worthy of consideration. Mr. Taxpayer, think about it.

Don't Wait Much.

The Upper Peninsula don't want much, according to the following clipped from the Manitowish Pioneer-Tribune:

"The Upper Peninsula should not lose sight of the fact that Hon. O. B. Fuller, the present auditor general, is entitled to a second term. That he will receive it is not being disputed by any one. The Upper Peninsula is entitled to the governorship and the auditor generalship, and it looks as though little if any difficulty will be experienced in securing the honors."

Auditor General Fuller has made a splendid record and will undoubtedly be renominated for a second term without opposition, but the gubernatorial matter is a horse of another color. Just how our brother from the far North can figure that the Upper Peninsula is entitled to the two best offices in the state is beyond our comprehension. No, brother, your "glasses are fogged." The next auditor general will be Fuller, all right, but the next governor, in the opinion of The True Northerner, will not be Chase Osborn.

Not So sanguine.

Not all of the Upper Peninsula papers are sanguine over Mr. Osborn's candidacy for the gubernatorial chair. Some of them are even placing Mr. Kelley on an even footing with the Upper Peninsula man. Following is a clipping from the Calumet News:

"Few people regard the candidacy of Amos Musselman of Grand Rapids as at all serious, and the elimination of Judge Montgomery has practically narrowed the field to Osborn and Kelley, so far as the republican nomination is concerned."

The recent semi-annual apportionment of primary school money, at the rate of \$6.50 per capita for all persons of school age gives Van Buren county \$58,617. This exceeds the amount of state tax by \$486.85. Adding to this last November's apportionment of \$9,063 we have the sum of \$67,680, an excess over the state tax for one year's time of \$9,548.85. In other words during one year's time Van Buren tax payers are assessed a state tax of \$58,617 and have returned to them by way of primary money \$67,680. Would it not have been better to have no state tax and have had only the surplus paid into the school fund?

ATTORNEY GENERAL BIRD will resign June 1 and assume his duties on the supreme court bench and at that time Mr. Kuhn will take up the duties of Mr. Bird. Several matters are in course of being worked out which Mr. Bird desires to complete before turning over the office to his successor.

LAST week when the primary school money was sent out on a basis of \$6.50 per pupil it represented a sum of \$4,901,533. This was the largest May apportionment in four years and it is expected that \$1 per capita will be paid at the November apportionment.

THE Bangor Advance is an ardent supporter of Under Sheriff E. D. Sirrine for the office of sheriff. It also everlastingly "throws the harpoon" into Pat Kelley and Senator Burrows. The True Northerner believes that our contemporary's judgment is good on county politics, but its glasses are badly fogged on state and national issues.

THE semi-annual apportionment of primary school money is \$6.50 per capita instead of \$6.00, as reported in these columns last week. This money has piled up in some counties until there already is enough on hand to pay all school expenses for 25 years to come. It is up to the next legislature to adopt some other method of apportioning the primary school money.

THE prospects are that Congressman E. L. Hamilton will have no opposition to a renomination to his seat as congressman from the fourth district. Hon. C. L. Glasgow, state railroad commissioner, who was talked of as a possible opponent, has wisely decided to make a sure thing of it and stay "where he is at."

THE Courier has joined the other democratic papers of the country, in lending encouragement to the so called "Insurgency movement," believing it "makes a noise" like democratic victory in 1912. Prospects of any dissensions in the republican ranks is always "pie" for a democrat.

HARRY CROSS of Lawrence was calling on Paw Paw friends Wednesday. He says that his candidacy for the office of county clerk is meeting with the popular approval of the republicans of the county and that he expects to land the coveted prize this time.

SENATOR Burrows was the "big noise" at the Kalamazoo Lincoln day celebration. He demonstrated to his friends that he is full of his old time vigor and fighting spirit and that he is in the senatorial fight to win.

DON'T worry about the Chautauqua. Paw Paw will have a Chautauqua this year that will eclipse the effort of last summer. Full particulars will soon be made public.

ACCORDING to reports from some sections of the county, it begins to look as though there would be no democratic party at the primaries this fall.

If our heavies will hang on just one week more, we are in hopes the condition of the weather will then warrant their removal to the rag bag.

COME out of it boys, you still have another opportunity to redeem yourselves and show your fitness to contend for Field Day honors.

THE party who went spearing in Maple lake, should be made an example of. The extreme penalty of the law is too lenient.

It is said that Mark Twain died worth a million or more. It should be remembered that he did not make it by whining.

CHEER up! The danger is over. The comets tail brushed the cobwebs from mother earth, without even causing a ripple.

It is said that there is a lady in Paw Paw who cares more for her pet dog than for her hair, but its false.

THE comet is again on its way, into eternity, as far as we are concerned, and the earth is still on the map.

THE primaries in September will at least demonstrate that there are a lot of good losers.

THE style in overcoats this winter seems to be to wear them longer than usual.

Varnish up the fish rod and oil the reel. The bass season opens June 15.

NINE to three, wasn't it awful.

An Optimist.

Lysander John Appleton always looks on the bright side. He is the kind of man who could look at a preacher kin, and find pleasure in bragging that when the kin preaches they have to put chairs in the aisles.—Aitchison Globe.

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